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Amendment

Dear Examiner Dexter:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 27, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

The new claims in this application are submitted together with a copy of the claims marked up to show the changes made in this Amendment.

Please cancel claims 1-16 and insert the following new claims 17 - 38.

17. Apparatus for cutting tubes comprising:

a counter holder arranged to receive a tube,

at least one cutting tool that is movable to a cutting position on said counter holder during a cutting process,

an ejector that ejects cut-off portions of said tube, said ejector being movable relative to said counter-holder,

a slide that is movable along said counter-holder on which said at least one cutting tool and said ejector are provided, and

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